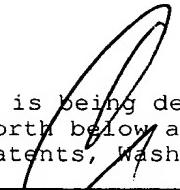


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Dear Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Please replace the existing specification, claims, abstract and drawings with the enclosed substitute specification and formal drawings. Also attached hereto is a marked up copy showing how the PCT specification, claims and abstract has been modified to reach the enclosed substitute. The drawings are identical to the PCT drawings except for the deletion at the top and bottom of the page of the PCT number and substitute specification marking.

REMARKS

The preceding amendment to the specification inserts a priority claim, includes preferred forms of headings, provides line and paragraph numbering, and expands on the brief PCT abstract. The claims have been modified from the PCT format to remove multiple dependencies, to group together claims

depending from the same independent claim, and to use more standard U.S. language in a few cases (e.g. Markush format).

Also enclosed is PCT form 304. The U.S. provisional case is already in the PTO records. Please confirm that the priority claim has been properly effected with respect to the PCT case (e.g. that both UK priority documents and the PCT document have been received by the PTO).

Respectfully submitted,

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